buildings, and are allotting suitable grants from the State and general muzrai funds to supplement the funds of institutions and public contributions, if any, for maintaining the temples in good repair.

MR. R. PUTTAVEERABHADRAPPA (Madhugiri Taluk).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

With reference to Subject No. 6 of the last Budget Session, if any concession has or has not been shown to the raiyat in the matter of the reduction of assessment varying from Rs. 9 to Rs. 12 an acre on wet and garden lands on which areca and cocoanut trees have dried up—

(*a*) Is it right on the part of Government to collect such heavy tax from the raiyats?

(*b*) Are not the Government aware of the difficulties felt by the raiyats of Madhugiri Taluk owning perennial garden lands?

(*c*) Is it not the duty of Government to investigate their difficulties and give them necessary relief?

(*d*) Will it be possible to reduce the high rate of assessment on such perennial garden lands and impose wet assessment thereon at least from the next year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—23. (*a*) The question whether the tax is heavy or not is a matter of opinion.

(*b*) Yes, regarding cultivation of such lands under *talapariges*.

(*c*) The matter was investigated and necessary orders were issued. (*Vide* Government Order No. R. 402-04--R. M. 6-29-115, dated the 19th July 1930, Appendix VI.)

(*d*) As regards garden lands under *talapariges*, certain concessions have been ordered to be shown in the Government Order referred to above. In regard to the garden lands deriving their supply of water from other sources of irrigation, revision of assessment is only possible after the expiry of the present settlement.

MR. P. NAGARAJIAH (Pavagada Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The total amount collected in the Tumkur District on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maharaja?